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Prague-Letnany Airfield.

1. The Prague-Letnany (O 51/L 89) military and factory airfield was approximately 900 x 1,800 meters. The soil of the field is firm and loamy; the landing field, which is covered with grass, is completely level. The field was damaged slightly during the war. (1)
2. Four or five reinforced hangars, 30 x 60 meters each, with glass roofs, are at the northern edge of the field. The Rudy Letov factory, where aircraft and CSD buses were being manufactured, is located behind the field. The buildings of this factory were painted grey-green and were surrounded by a barbed wire fence 3 meters high. (1)
3. The Air Force Research Institute with offices, laboratories, wind tunnel, etc. is located west of the hangars. The buildings were strictly guarded and were also surrounded by a barbed wire fence. (2)
4. New Me-109s and jet aircraft of undetermined type were stationed at the field. (3)

Prague-Cakovice Airfield.

5. The Prague-Cakovice (O 51/L 89) factory airfield measured about 1,100 meters along its western side; 1,300 meters along its southern side; 1,200 meters along its northeastern side and about 450 meters along its eastern side. Its surface was firm loamy soil, covered with grass and sloping slightly to the northwest. The slight war damage has been repaired. (4)
6. Three or four reinforced concrete hangars, 30 x 60 meters each, with glass roofs and sliding doors were on the northern edge of the field. The AVIA Aircraft Factory, surrounded by a barbed wire fence 3 meters high and strictly guarded by SNB, was behind the hangars and west of the road to Letnany (O 51/L 89). Parts for Me-109s, Aero-45s and an undetermined type of turbine aircraft were being manufactured at the factory. (5)
7. The installation was mainly used as a factory field for light aircraft.

Prague-Kbely Airfield.

8. The Prague-Kbely military airfield (O 51/L 89) is about 900 x 1,800 meters. The

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surface of the field is solid loam and the landing field is level. The runways of the field have concrete surfaces since the installation is also being used by jet planes. The field suffered only minor damage during the war. (6)

9. Three or four grey-green hangars, each 30 x 60 meters, in addition to long three-story barracks buildings, school buildings, were on the northern edge of the field. (7)
10. A bomber regiment equipped with multiple-engine aircraft of British origin and twin-engine type Siebel planes was stationed at the field. (8) and (9)

Comments.

- (1) Details on the size of the field and hangars were reported for the first time. The Rudy Letov Aircraft Plant was reported previously. 25X1
The attached annex is believed to be correct.
- (2) For details on the Air Force Research Institute 25X1
- (3) The Czechoslovakian Me-262's observed to date were copies of the German Me-262. The existence of other jet type planes in Czechoslovakia is believed to be improbable.
- (4) The report furnishes new information on the Prague-Cakovice factory field.
- (5) The full name of the aircraft plant is Avia Jihivo Dimitrova. The part production of this factory is correct. The plant had produced five Me 262's together with the required turbines by early 1949. 25X1
- (6) The dimensions of the field are reported for the first time. The field has only one concrete runway the surfacing of which was started in August 1948, and which was being lengthened to 2,500 meters in September 1949. 25X1
- (7) During the war the field had six hangars which are believed to be intact, since the installation did not suffer major war damages. The stated dimensions of the hangars are approximately correct.
- (8) Complete data on the present occupation of the Kbely airfield are not available. Besides one or two fighter units, an air transport unit, a training squadron, and the 25 Bmr Regt equipped with Mosquito and Siebel type aircraft were located at this field in December 1949. The present report indicates that the bomber unit was still located in Kbely in October 1950.
- (9) For layout sketch of airfields, see Annex.

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